

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services - Registration & Stamps Department - Ante date stamps scandal - allegations against Sri K.Babu Rao, former Assistant District Registrar and presently District Registrar (Retired) and certain registration officials of Zone-II and Zone-III - disciplinary proceedings initiated - Written Statement of Defence submitted - Regular Enquiry conducted - Report submitted - Show cause notice Issued - Representation received - punishment of 20% cut in pension permanently besides recovery of loss of Rs.5,06,080/- imposed - Orders - Issued.

REVENUE (VIGILANCE-II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.1169

Dated:19-11-2015

Read the following:

1. DIG, R&S (MV), O/o the C&IG, R&S, AP., Hyd., (Preliminary Enquiry Officer) Lr.No.29788/Enqy/95, dt:21-4-1997.
2. C&IG, R&S, AP., Hyd., Procs.No.Vig.2/25922/1995, dt:17-4-2010
3. Govt., Memo.No.1454/Vig.VI(1)/2010-8, dt:31-5-2010.
4. Enquiry Report of DIG, R&S, Guntur (REO) Lr.No.A1/132/2010-6, dt:13-3-2012.
5. Govt., Memo.No.1454/Vig.VI(1)/2010-45, dt:5-12-2013.
6. Representation of charged officer Sri K.Babu Rao, former Assistant District Registrar and presently District Registrar (Retd) dt:16-2-2014.
7. Govt., Lr.No.1454/Vig.II(1)/2010-60, dt:31-7-2015.
8. APPSC Lr.No.779/DC&C/2/2015, dt:7-10-2015.

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ORDER:

Where as in the reference 1st read above, it has been brought to the notice of Government that certain officials of Registration & Stamps Department in Zone-II & Zone-III were involved in ante dated stamps scandal in connection with the registration of documents executed on the stamps sold with ante dates without proper verification and thereby caused loss of Revenue to the State exchequer.

2. And whereas, on the directions of Commissioner & Inspector General, Registration & Stamps, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad, the Preliminary Enquiry officer i.e., the Deputy Inspector General, Registration & Stamps (Market Value), Office of the Commissioner & Inspector General, Registration & Stamps, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad had submitted the report stating that certain registration officials have registered documents executed on the stamps sold with ante dates without proper verification and thereby caused loss of Revenue to the State exchequer in the reference 1st read above.

3. Whereas, on the findings of Preliminary Enquiry Officer, the Commissioner & Inspector General, Registration & Stamps, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad has framed the following charge against Sri K.Babu Rao, former Assistant District Registrar and presently District Registrar (Retired) among certain other Registration officials.

Charge:- That the said Sri K.Babu Rao, DR, Medak while functioning as Asst., Dist., Registrar, Guntur during the period 17-3-1995 to 21-8-1995 issued verification certificates bearing Nos.1 to 7, 9 to 18 and 50 to the effect that the stamps were genuinely purchased prior to 1-4-1995 though the fact is that the stamps were sold by the stamp vendors with

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ante dates which resulted in registration of documents prepared on such stamps and consequent loss of Revenue of Rs.5,06,080/- treating the stamp papers as white papers.

4. After receipt of Written Statement of Defence, the Commissioner & Inspector General, Registration & Stamps, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad had appointed the Deputy Inspector General, Registration & Stamps, Guntur as Regular Enquiry Officer in the matter in the reference 2nd read above. In the reference 4th read above, the Regular Enquiry Officer submitted the report holding the charges held proved against Sri K.Babu Rao, former Assistant District Registrar and presently District Registrar (Retired) among certain others. The Deputy Inspector General, Registration & Stamps, Guntur i.e., Inquiring Authority has forwarded the Regular Enquiry Officer report to Government for taking further action in the matter under Rule 9 of Andhra Pradesh Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

5. Whereas, Government after examining the Regular Enquiry Officer report in the reference 4th read above, and after taking consideration of all the facts including heavy loss caused to State exchequer have provisionally decided to impose a punishment of 100% cut in pension permanently besides recovery of loss i.e., Rs.5,06,080/- against Sri K.Babu Rao, former Assistant District Registrar and presently District Registrar (Retired) for the charge held proved among certain others. Accordingly, a Show Cause Notice has been issued in the reference 5th read above with a direction to show cause as to why the proposed punishment should not be imposed against him.

6. In the reference 6th read above, the Charged Officer Sri K.Babu Rao, former Assistant District Registrar and presently District Registrar (Retired) has submitted representation stating mainly among others that the Revised market values came into force w.e.f. 1.4.1995 and stated that through circular Memo No. GSO1 /13325/95, dt. 6.5.95, the Commissioner & Inspector General instructed all the Deputy Inspector General in the state to distribute the Sub-Registrar Offices among the officers working in the zone and to verify certain aspects. On which, the Charged Officer has stated that the Deputy Inspector General, Registration & Stamps, Guntur issued procs. dt.22.5.1995 distributing the Sub offices of Zone to the respective officers while entrusting him the task of inspecting 4 offices including the task of inspecting Registrar Office (Original Branch) Guntur and stated that he had verified the stamp vendors registers involving the documents which were executed prior to 1.4.95 and issued verification certificates and stated that the same was mentioned in the preliminary Enquiry Officers report. He has further stated that taking that into advantage, Sri B. Yanadaiah, former Sub Registrar (Retired & now expired) had issued most of the verification certificates by forging his signatures. Therefore, he has requested the Government not to impose penalty of withholding of 100% cut in pension permanently and recovery of loss of Rs.5,06,080/- on him.

7. Government have examined the matter in light of the Regular Enquiry Officer's report taking into consideration of the representation of the Charged Officer Sri K.Babu Rao, former Assistant District Registrar and presently District Registrar (Retired) have decided to reduce the proposed punishment of 100% cut in pension permanently besides recovery of loss of Rs.5,06,080/- to 20% cut in pension permanently besides recovery of loss of Rs.5,06,080/- against Sri K.Babu Rao, former Assistant District Registrar and presently District Registrar (Retired). The Andhra Pradesh Public Service Commission have also agreed with the proposal of the department in the reference 8th read above. (copy enclosed).

8. Therefore, Government, hereby order to impose a punishment of 20% cut in pension permanently besides recovery of loss of Rs.5,06,080/- against the Charged Officer Sri K.Babu Rao, former Assistant District Registrar and presently District Registrar (Retired) for registering the documents executed on the stamps sold with ante dates without verification and thereby caused loss of Revenue to the State exchequer.

9. The Director & Inspector General, Registration & Stamps, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad shall take necessary action in the matter accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

AJEYA KALLAM
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To

The Director & Inspector General, Registration & Stamps,
Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad

The Individual (w.e) (through the Director & Inspector General,
Registration & Stamps, Andhra Pradesh., Hyderabad with a
request to serve the order and furnish the served copy with dated
acknowledgement to Government for record).

Copy to:

The Secretary to Vigilance Commissioner,
Andhra Pradesh Vigilance Commission, Hyderabad.

The Principal Secretary,
Andhra Pradesh Public Service Commission, Hyderabad.

The Deputy Inspector General, Registration & Stamps,
Vijayawada / Guntur.

The Deputy Inspector General, Registration & Stamps, Guntur / Eluru.

The Central Bureau, Crime Investigation Department,
Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad.

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SECTION OFFICER